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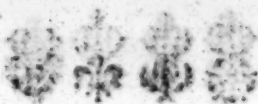
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S I R,



Kindely salute you in the Lord,
 and wisheth you sweet in-comes
 of his love daily more and more:
 I cannot but acknowledge your
 respects to me, in giving me no-
 tice of that false Scandall raised upon my Re-
 giment, to be the beginners of Mutinies, who
 hath alwayes carried fair towards their Offi-
 cers, towards the Countrey, and had the
 least complaints against them of any in the
 Army, induring hardship with abundance of
 content, receiving but one weeks pay from
 my Lord FAIRFAX or the Committee this
 year and quarter, onely for the last winter
 (for about three moneths) they had 13. pence
per diem, and paid their quarters out of it; by
 reason of which hardship, falling into want,
 they have with teares in their eyes come to
 me to make their case known, with desire to

do what service they were able, if they might have but any substance to keep them from lowfinesse, and doing injury and wrong to others, or otherwise, that I would give them a Discharge, that they might go home and work for their livings, never offering to Mutiny or stir, till others had shown them that Example, and sent parties to their quarters to invite them to joyn with the rest of the Army, and told them, they were Fools that they did not seek relief as they did, using many provocations to tempt them. And further, when all the rest of the Army had ten shillings a peece given them to supply present wants, they had not a groat given them, nor could have promise of any, which gave just cause unto them, more then any, yet was content to march after the King, so long as our Army continued the pursuit; which being ended, and the Scots and we Retreating for Yorkshire, suddenly a Councell of War was called and agreed, that four Regiments of ours should march back into the South, and the rest go on to secure Yorkshire; the Lot falling

falling upon my Regiment to go Southward, did much rejoyce me, and my own Troops that I raised my self was willing to march, but two *Yorkshire* Troopes that were added to me, beganne to cry out they wanted the ten shillings the rest of the Army had got, and had neither Shirts to their backs, nor Boots, nor Stockings to their legs, and knew not how long they should stay abroad in that extreame want, desired either ten shillings to buy them some necessaries or other wayes to march towards *Yorkshire* to get some monies to supply their wants, and then they would go any where, which could not be had; whereupon many of them with tears in their eyes, asked what they could do in such a condition: but before this, all or most of

of the Regiment is resolved for York-
 shire till they got some pay, and were
 more forward then mine, some of my
 Troops following of me Southward,
 when all the horse marched North-
 ward, by all which and much more
 that I could truly say, It may appear
 mine was no wayes the beginners of
 these severall mutinies. As for my self
 I desie all men to accuse me of the least
 thought of countenancing any mutiny
 whatsoever in Officers or Souldiers,
 but can bring many of quality to wit-
 nesse with me how exceedingly I suffe-
 red in my spirit, in beholding those
 things I saw in the Army, vvhich rise
 through a neglect of those that should
 have provided better for the Army;
 and I am confident both the best in
 the Army and Country vvill vvit-
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Your assured loving friend,
Robert Lilburne.

For the rest of your Letter I shall be
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